MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

BAPTIST

Cold Water Association,

HELD WITH

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH,

MARSHALL COUNTY, MISS.

Commencing on Friday, October 14th, and closing Tuesday 18th, 1853.

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Delegates representing the Churches composing the Baptist Cold Water Association, met with Philadelphia Church, Marshall County, Miss., on Friday preceding the third Sabbath in Oct. 1853, according to appointment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James Dennis, based on Matthew 16: 18—"And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Took an hour recess for refreshments.

Reassembled. Prayer by Elder J. R. Hamilton.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder James Dennis.

Upon the call for letters from Churches, they were presented, read, and delegates' names enrolled. (*See Appendix A—Statistical Table.*)

Organized regularly by electing Elder C. B. Young, Moderator; and Brother W. Ovid Mabry, Clerk. The Moderator upon taking the chair addressed some pertinent remarks to the Body.

Called for letters of correspondence. Received as follows: from Big Hatchie Association—Messenger, Elder A. S. Wynne, Agent for Indian Missions.

From Chickasaw Association—Messengers, Elder W. Hall and Brother J. Nauley. Messengers recognized and invited to seats and participate in the deliberations.

On motion, Elder W. M. Farrar, was recognized as Messenger from the State Convention, to whom the same privileges were extended.

On motion, the same privileges were extended to visiting brethren of our faith and order; Elders G. Tucker and I. S. Parker, accepted.

Petitionary letters were then called for. Clear Creek, dismissed from Big Hatchie Association; McIvers Creek. Oak Grove Churches, petitioned for admittance. Their petitions were granted, the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to the Delegates, and their names enrolled.

Appointed the following Committees:

On the Order of Business:—Elders W. Wooten, M. H. Renfroe, Brethren S. P. McCorkle, F. M. Mitchel, A. Pasley.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

On Arrangement of Preaching:—Brethren W. Graham, J. H. Jackson, J. H. Williams, and Deacons of Philadelphia Church.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder G. B. Waldrop.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened with a hymn of praise.

Prayer by Elder W. Hale.

Called the roll, and marked absentees.

Extended the invitation to visiting brethren.

Report on the order of business called for.

Committee presented the following

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Item 1st. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association.

2d. Appoint a Financial Committee.

3d. Call for attendance of Delegates appointed to Religious Bodies.

4th. Appoint Committee to draft a general letter of correspondence to Corresponding Bodies.

5th. Appoint delegates to Religious Bodies.

6th. Call for Report of Executive Board.

7th. Call for pledges for Domestic Missions for 1854.

8th. Appoint Executive Board.

9th. Call for Treasurer's Report.

10th. Appoint a Treasurer.

11th. Call for Report of Trustees of C. W. B. Female Seminary.

12th. Call for Reports of Standing Committees, viz.:

On Foreign Missions.

" Ministerial Education.

" Home Missions.

" Bible Cause.

" Religious Instruction of the Colored Population.

" Temperance.

" Indian Missions.

13th. Consider the Queries from Philadelphia Church.

14th. Appoint brethren to write on the following subjects, viz.:

Foreign Missions—Ministerial Education—Home Missions—Bible Cause—Religious Instruction of Colored Population—Temperance—Indian Missions.

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15th. Consider the propriety of appointing Union Meetings.

16th. Take into consideration our proposition of last session to Chickasaw Association to unite and sustain a Missionary to the Chickasaw Indians.

17th. Call for resolutions.

18th. Call for Miscellaneous business.

19th. Appoint the place for the next Association.

20th. Appoint some Brother to preach the Introductory Sermon.

21st. Appoint some Brother to preach on Indian Missions, at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

22d. Appoint some Brother to preach the Missionary Sermon, at 11 o'clock, on Sabbath.

Report received and adopted, and Committee discharged.

On motion, suspended the rules, and renewed the call for petitionary letters; whereupon one was presented from Good Hope Church, dismissed from Yellobusha Association; she was received, the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates and their names enrolled.

The letter from Sun Flower Church, arriving, was read. No delegates.

Renewed the call for correspondence.

A letter was presented from Panola Association, by Elder J. J. Sledge, letter read, and Messenger invited to sit with us and participate in our deliberations. Elder L. Wade arriving, the same privileges were extended to him.

Order of business resumed by reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

The Committee on Religious Instruction of Colored Population being absent, Elder James Dennis was appointed to report on that subject.

Brethren S. P. McCorkle, J. Q. Sandidge, J. D. Nichols, were appointed Financial Committee.

Attendance of Delegates appointed to Religious Bodies called for. Reported as follows, viz.:

To the State Convention—attendance. Chickasaw Association—attendance. Panola Association—attendance. Yellobusha Association—no attendance. Big Hatchie Association—no attendance.

Appointed Elders J. R. Hamilton, J. Dennis, W. Wooten, to draft the letter of correspondence to Corresponding Bodies.

Appointments to Religious Bodies.

To the State Convention—Elders W. C. Crane, G. B. Waldrope.—Convention to meet in Columbus, Thursday before second Sabbath in November, 1853.

Chickasaw Asssociation—Elders R. Hale, J. M. Rogers, J. T. Power. Brethren T. H. Smith, J. B. Stamps.—Association to meet at Ripley, Friday before third Sabbath in September, 1854.

Panola Association—Elders C. B. Young, R. Hale, G. B. Waldrop Brethren T. H. Smith, J. F. Philips, J. H. Jackson.—Association to me at New Union, fourteen miles North East of Oxford, Friday before seco Sabbath in October, 1854.

Yallobusha Association—Elders W. Wooten, I. S. Parker, Brother S P. McCorkle.—Association to meet nineteen miles North East of Co feeville.

Big Hatchie Association—Elders J. R. Hamilton, J. M. Rogers, J. W Stamps, C. B. Young, G. B. Waldrope, M. H. Renfroe, Brethren J. P Harris, J. B. Stamps, E. C. Crutcher.—Association to meet at Eudor Tenn., Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1854.

Report of Executive Board called for—not ready—granted more tim

Called for pledges for Domestic Missions for 1854.

The following sums were pledged:

Chulahoma Church	$40	Emory	0
State Line	10	Peach Creek	1
Salem	00	Cockrum's	1
Hernando	25	Mt. Zion	1
County Line, if two Missionaries $25—if one	15	Nonconnah, Tenn	0
Cold Water, if two Missionaries $15—if one	10	Union	1
Bethel	8	Sun Flower	0
Lebanon, if two Missionaries $20—if one	10	Centre Hill, if two Missionaries $15—if one	1
Liberty	00	Hopewell	4
Tallaloosa	00	Corinth, if two Missionaries $10—if one	5
Pleasant Hill	5	Carolina	1
Holly Springs	5	Oak Grove	0
Philadelphia	30	Clear Creek	0
Pleasant Grove	10	McIver's Creek	1
		Good Hope	1
			$333.—$24

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. H. Harper, A. W. Flin, M. H. Renfroe, J. S. Boon, J. C. Power, J. M. Rogers, J. H. Jackson, J. F. Philips, M. C. McCallers, A. Turnage, J. Ham, B. Fant, J. J. Milum, T. H. Smith, O. Gandy, G. A. Jones, H. Nichols, J. Q. Sandidge, W. A. Jones, G. Brooten, E. C. Crutcher, J. Scott L. A. Smith, J. Harwell, J. D. Nichols, P. A. Bowlan, A. L. Godfrey, J. L. Champion.

Called for Treasurer's Report—not prepared, granted further time.

The hour, 11 o'clock, arriving for preaching. Adjourned to 1 o'cloc

Preaching by Elder C. B. Young—funeral discourse of Sister Benso and her two children, and Brother Sanders Walker.

Text—Portions of the 14th chapter of Job.

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EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Opened with singing and prayer, by Elder George Tucker.

Delegates from Pleasant Hill Church having arrived with a letter, it was read, and the delegates invited to all the privileges of the Body.

Appointed the Clerk, Treasurer for the next Associational year.

Report of the Trustees of the C. W. B. Female Seminary was then called for: Trustees through their President reported. Report with the suggestions received and adopted. (*See Appendix B.*)

Elder E. Rogers, through Brother Clayton, and Elder George Tucker, tendered their resignations as Trustees of the C. W. B. Female Seminary: they were received.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES CALLED.

On Foreign Missions—Committee reported: report received, and on motion for its adoption, Elder W. M. Farrar, Agent for Foreign Missions, delivered an address, in which its rise, progress, and claims were ably set forth. Report adopted. (*See Appendix C.*)

On motion, granted the Agent the privilege of procuring subscriptions and donations for its benefit.

Ministerial Education—Committee reported. Report received: which elicited discussion to a late hour.

On motion, it was laid upon the table till 9 o'clock, Monday Morning.

Adjourned to meet at said time. Prayer by the moderator.

SABBATH EXERCISES, MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

A large audience was assembled at the stand.

Preaching by Elder A. S. Wynne—Text: John, 3rd chapter, 3rd verse.

A public collection amounting to $32 80, was then taken for Indian Missions.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder George Tucker, founded on the 15th verse of the 16th chapter of Mark, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature."

A public collection was taken for other Missions, amounting to $34 55.

EVENING.

Having partaken of refreshments, reassembled.

Preaching by Elder Jas. J. Sledge. Text: Malachi, 3d chapter and 10th verse.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Moderator in the chair: opened with singing and prayer by Elder Jam Dennis.

Called the roll.

Minutes of Friday and Saturday read and approved.

Report on Ministerial Education called up, and after some further remar upon it, Elders J. J. Sledge, W. M. Farrar, J. R. Hamilton, A. S. Wynn and Brother S. P. McCorkle, were appointed to act with the Reporti Committee in revising said report, and modify if possible its objectionab features to the satisfaction of the Body.

Home Missions—Committee being absent, no report.

Bible Cause—No report—Committee absent.

Religious Instruction of Colored Population—Committee reported; r port received and adopted. (*See Appendix D.*)

(NOTE.—It is the request of the Association that the Pastors prese the subject embraced to their respective Churches, and that the Church give their Delegates necessary instruction to act upon it in the next sessi of the Association.)

Committee to revise and report on M. Education reported as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report, that upon consultation wi Brother Parker they find it perfectly impracticable so to amend it as to re der it acceptable to the Body. They would therefore suggest, that the R port be returned to Brother Parker, and that a Committee be appointed t prepare one on the same subject. Suggestions received.

Elders J. R. Hamilton, G. B. Waldrop, W. W. Wooten were appoint

Temperance.—Committee reported; report received and adopted. (S *Appendix E.*)

Indian Missions.—Committee reported; report received.

On motion, adjourned for one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion for the adoption of report on Indian Missions. Elder A. Wynne interestingly presented the claims of that people upon us to affo unto them the necessary means of spiritual life—report adopted. (*See A pendix F.*)

The sum of $30 was then raised for Indian Missions; with whi on motion, resolved, that Elder C. B. Young be made a life member of t Indian Mission Association.

Treasurer reported; report adopted. (*See Appendix G.*)

Committee on Ministerial Education reported; report received, a adopted. (*See Appendix H.*)

The queries from Philadelphia church, viz.: Can a minister who ho

Chickasaw Indians

and preaches, or a private member that entertains and disseminates heresy, be consistently retained in membership? What course should be pursued with such? were taken into consideration.

Disposed of as follows:

Answer to first—No. Authority: Romans 16: 17—"Mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them."

Answer to second—Paul to Titus, 3: 10—"A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition reject."

Appointment of Brethren to Report on the usual subjects.

On Foreign Missions—Elder I. Townsend. *Ministerial Education*—Elder J. I. Power. *Home Missions*—Elder M. H. Renfroe. *Bible cause*—Elder Joseph R. Hamilton. *Indian Missions*—Elder R. J. Alcorn. *Religious Instruction of Colored Population*—Elder I. S. Parker. *Temperance*—Elder James Dennis.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment. Opened as usual; prayer by Brother E. O. Cook.

APPOINTMENT OF UNION MEETINGS.

First District.—With Bethel Church; commencing, Friday before third Sabbath in July, 1854.

Second District.—With Cold Water Church; commencing, Friday before third Sabbath in August, 1854.

Third District—With Chulahoma Church; commencing the first fifth Sabbath after 1st of April, 1854.

Fourth District.—With Peach Creek Church; commencing, Friday before first Sabbath in August, 1854.

Executive Board, and through the Board, Missionary Elder I. Townsend reported; report received and adopted. (*See Appendix I—Appendix J.*)

Committee presented the letter of correspondence to corresponding Bodies. read and adopted. (*See Appendix K.*)

Not having received any response from Chickasaw Association, on motion, sixteenth item in Report on Business was passed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, the former act, districting the association, was amended by establishing boundary lines, to wit,

North and south line commencing at the State line, running through wi Range line 7, to Tallahatchie River.

East and West line commencing on Pigeon Roost, running with it to i termination in Cold Water, thence down Cold Water to Range Line 7 thence south to Peyton Road, thence to Mississippi River.

Churches in each district are as follows :

First District.—Hernando, Bethel, Liberty, Nonconnah, Oak Grov Hopewell.

Second District.—Holly Springs, Centre Hill, Cold Water, Corint State Line, Clear Creek, Tallaloosa, Pleasant Grove.

Third District.—Chulahoma, County Line, Emory, Union, Pleasant Hi Mount Zion, Philadelphia, Cockrum's.

Fourth District.—Salem, Peach Creek, M'Iver's Creek, Lebanon, Car lina, Sunflower, Good Hope.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That the introductory sermon at the next session of our asso ciation, be preached on the call, qualifications, and claims of the ministry.

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be requested to state i the letters to its next session, the amount of money paid or pledged for mi isterial support, and that it be reported in the Minutes of the Association.

Resolved, That this body extend to Elder J. R. Graves, its cordial appro bation, for his manly, and dignified defence of the principles and doctrine the Baptist Church.

Resolved, That Elder M. H. Renfroe be made a life member of the Indi Mission Association with the money collected for Indian Missions on Sa bath.

Resolved, That the money collected on Sabbath for other Missions b equally divided between Foreign and Home Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren Philadelphia Church, and to the friends generally, for their kindness and lib rality extended to the members of the Association, during the sitting of i session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Broth Moderator, and Clerk, for their faithful and efficient discharge of their re pective duties.

Resolved, That our Brother Clerk be allowed $20 for his services in pr paring and superintending the printing of the Minutes, and that he have many copies printed as the funds will admit, and that the Minutes be d posited at Lamb's Book Store, Memphis.

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer of the Executive Board reser the money unappropriated, sent up for Domestic Missions, for the benefit said Missions the ensuing year.

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APPOINTMENTS.

The next session of the Association will be held with Lebanon Church, Panola County, Mississippi, fourth district, commencing at the usual time, Friday before 3d Sabbath in Oct. 1854.

Elder G. B. Waldrop, to preach the Introductory sermon.

Elder James M. Rogers, alternate.

Elder C. B. Young to preach the sermon on Indian Missions, Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Elder Joseph R. Hamilton, alternate.

Elder W. Cary Crane, to preach the Missionary sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock.

Elder R. J. Alcorn, alternate.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

After a feeling address, and prayer by the Moderator, united in singing the hymn,

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," etc.

—Giving to each the parting hand.

C. B. YOUNG, *Moderator*.

W. OVID MABRY, *Clerk*.

TABLE AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

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. Burns,	Olive Branch.	F. W. Thompson,	Fluellen's ⋊ R'ds.
s. M. Rogers,	Do.	E. O. Cook,	Do.
. W. Stamps,	Do.	Jas. C. Power,	Tyro,
. B. Buchanan,	Hernando.	L. W. Wilson,	Chulahoma.
s. Dennis,	Do.		
V. C. Crane,	Do.		
. Jones,	Do.		
. B. Waldrop,	Elm Grove.		
os. R. Hamilton,	Chulahoma.		
V. Wooten,	Do.		
. S. Parker,	Do.		
. B. Young,	Belmont.		
. I. Power,	Tyro.		
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CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	MINISTERS.	DAYS OF MEETING.	BAPTISED.	REC'D BY LETTER.	RESTORED.	DISMISSED BY LETTER.	EXCLUDED.	DEAD.	TOTAL NO.	ASSOCIATIONAL FUND.
Chulahoma,	Marshall,	Chulahoma,	Jos R Hamilton, W Wooten, Jos L Mabry,	I. S. Parker,	3d Sabbath,	2	1	0	1	1	0	87	$3 00
State Line,	Desoto,	Olive Branch,	*J Burns, A W Flinn, G Pace,	I. S. Parker,	1st Sabbath,	6	4	0	14	4	1	50	2 00
Salem,	"	Tatesville,	M. H. Renfroe, J. W. Echols, M. E. Jackson,	M. H. Renfroe,	2d Sabbath,	2	0	0	1	0	1	66	2 50
Hernando,	"	Hernando,	Jas. Dennis, *W. C. Crane, *Jas. S. Oliver,	W.C. Crane,	2d 4th Sabbath	12	6	1	25	2	4	89	4 00
County Line,	Marshall,	Tyro,	Jas. J. Power, Jas. C. Power. W. O. Mabry, Jno. H. Williams,	James Dennis,	1st Sabbath,	2	2	0	17	1	1	114	5 00
Cold Water,	"	Colliersville, Ten.	Jas M. Rogers, *W. L. Wanner, J. F. Harris, J. D. McCain,	James M. Rogers,	3d Sabbath,	29	8	0	7	2	3	115	2 00
Bethel,	Desoto,	Elm Grove,	G. B. Waldrop, W. Graham, Jas. H. Jackson,	James Dennis,	3d Sabbath,	0	8	1	4	1	0	58	2 50
Lebanon,	Panola,	Sardis,	Jos. F. Phillips, *D. Wall, F. Jones,	C. B. Young,	1st Sabbath,	9	2	1	13	3	1	92	2 50
Liberty,	Desoto,	Hernando,	F. M. Mitchel, M. M. McCullers, M. Hislock,	J. Dennis,	2d Sabbath,	0	0	0	25	6	3	49	2 00
Tallaloosa,	Marshall,	Tallaloosa,	*J. D. Kilgrove, A. Turnage, *T. T. Young,	R. Hale,		1	1	0	15	2	0	17	2 00
Pleasant Hill,	Desoto,	Como,	L. Doberry, Jas. Ham, Jno. Evins,	D. D. Roach,	1st Sabbath,	0	0	0	9	0	2	22	2 00
Holly Springs,	Marshall,	Holly Springs,	*B. S. Fant, W. W. Wallace, A. Woodruff,	I. S Parker,	2d Sabbath,	0	1	0	2	0	0	45	2 00
Philadelphia,	"	Chulahoma,	G. A. Strickland, W. L. Reynolds, W. House,	C. B. Young,	2d Sabbath,	0	2	0	5	1	5	60	4 00
Pleasant Grove,	"	Red Banks,	W. Clayton, R. Hale, T. C. Smith,	J. J. Sledge,	1st Sabbath.	6	2	0	10	1	0	54	2 35
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Emory,	Panola,	Lafomba,	J. Willingham, J. S. Monerief, *O. Gandy,	James J. Power,	3d Sabbath,	0	0	0	5	1	0	20	1 00
Peach Creek,	"	M H Renfroe,	*G. Parnell, S. M. Marsh, G. Jones.	M. H. Renfroe,	1st Sabbath,	1	6	0	2	0	1	57	1 50
Cockrum's,	Desoto,	Cockrum's,	C. Drake, A. Kirk, H. Nichols, R. Lee,	R. Hale,	2d Sabbath,	0	0	0	6	1	1	32	2 00
Mt. Zion,	"	Pleasant Rds,	E. O. Cook, S. P. M'Corkle, J. Q. Sandidge, J. Maxville,	W. C. Crane,	1st Sabbath,	2	3	1	5	2	1	106	3 10
Union,	Panola,	C B Young.	W. A. Jones, C. B. Young, R. Anderson,	C. B. Young,	4th Sabbath,	7	6	0	3	1	1	66	2 00
Sun Flower,	Coahoma,	Friar's Point,	Letter—no representation.	R. J. Alcorn,	3d Sabbath,	4	6	0	5	0	0	36	1 50
Centre Hill,	Desoto,	Olive Branch,	J. W. Stamps, E. C. Crutcher, J. B. Stamps,	J. W. Stamps, J. M. Rogers,	2d 4th Sabbath	21	12	0	1	1	0	66	2 00
Hopewell,	"	Tatesville,	J. L. Brown, J. Scott, Joseph Wyatt,	John L. Brown,	2d Sabbath,	16	7	0	7	5	3	65	2 00
Corinth,	"		D. Hoke, J. S. Collins, L. A. Smith,	R. Hale,	3d Sabbath,	5	7	0	0	0	0	28	2 00
Carolina,*	"	Como,	W. L. Copwood, A. Pasley, J. Harell,	I. S. Parker,	4th Sabbath,	18	4	0	0	0	2	42	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	Hernando,	*B. B. Buchanan, S. Jones, J. D. Nichols,	B. B. Buchanan,		15	7	0	0	0	0	55	1 50
Clear Creek,	Marshall,	Lamar,	C. B. Walker, E. D. Slayden, P. A. Bowland,	A. Williamson,								57	1 50
Melvers' Creek,	"	Halifax,	C. Fitzgerald, A. L. Godfrey, L. J. Andrews,	W. Dupuy,	3d Sabbath,							36	3 00
Good Hope,	Coahoma,	Friar's Point,	R. J. Alcorn, *W. Ferguson,	R. J. Alcorn,	4th Sabbath,	1	0	0	0	1	0	34	1 50
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*Absentees.

Carolina Church sent up for Foreign Missions, fourteen dollars.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF C. W. FEMALE SEMINARY.—APPENDIX B.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The period has again rolled round, when it becomes our duty as Trustees of your very worthy and highly deserving Female Institution, to make our Annual Report.

The present condition of the School is certainly more flattering than at any former period, there being seventy-five scholars in regular attendance, forty-seven of whom are boarding at the Institute, and others promised who will certainly be in soon.

We have attended the monthly examination, and are assured that it is not inferior to any school in the South West. We also, in connection with a large audience, attended the Annual Examination, an account of which we presume your Visiting Committee will give you. We feel satisfied that our worthy Principal aided by a very efficient corps of assistants, will still continue to merit an increased amount of patronage from the members composing the Association. We would further inform you, that a portion of the Trustees had become personally responsible for the indebtedness of the Institution, and from the consideration that this institution was created by your body, is it not reasonable to expect that we shall have your hearty co-operation in making it the pride and honor of our Denomination, by sending your daughters to be educated by those who who are intimately associated with you in carrying out this favored project!

We would respectfully suggest the following as a Committee to attend the next Annual Examination in June:

Revs. J. R. GRAVES, Nashville.
J. C. KEENEY, Oxford.
WHITFIELD DUPUY, Miss.
E. H. OSBORNE, Tenn.
H. B. HAYWARD, Preston, Miss.
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J. J. SLEDGE, Oxford.
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As Trustees: JUDGE VAIDEN,
RICHARD PHILIPS,
C. B. YOUNG.

WM. WOOTEN, *President.*

B. B. SANDERS, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—APPENDIX C.

THE Committee appointed to report on Foreign Missions beg leave to say,

It is a heart rending truth, that though eighteen hundred years have passed away since the Saviour died, the greater part of our world is still involved in moral darkness. Nearly six hundred millions of Mohammedans and Pagans, know nothing of Christianity; more than one hundred and fifty millions of the Roman and Greek Churches have buried their spirituality under the pomp of external forms, not to say of gross idolatry; and many called Protestants are almost as destitute of the means of grace as the heathen. Although praiseworthy efforts have been and are now making for the dispersion of the moral darkness of the heathen world. Yet, the Christian world does not seem to any great extent awake to the momentous business of Missions. The efficiency of a preached

Gospel to rescue the heathen from their degraded state, and to elevate them to the position of an intellectual and a civilized people, is no longer debatable ground. Not only does it improve the temporal condition of the heathen, but its chief efficiency is found in this: that it saves them as well as us, from that eternal condemnation awaiting the ungodly and the impenitent. The success that has attended the faithful laborer in the vineyard of his Lord, whilst depositing the seed in the soil of the human heart, is sufficient to silence objectors to the spreading of the Gospel amongst heathen nations.

The world is to be converted; the field is the world; and by divine appointment the conversion of the world is to effected by the preaching of the word. The truth of God will never convert the world unless the Gospel be preached to "every creature." This fact is settled by divine testimony. On this point the promises of God are nothing more nor less promises to bless the efforts of his people. In the commission which Christ gave to his Apostles to "teach all nations," he engaged to be with them, even unto the end of the world; but he nowhere intimates that he will travel forth as the audible expositor of his own Gospel. He has for wise purposes made the application of divine truth by human agents, necessary to the conversion and salvation of men. The sending of the Gospel to the heathen, becomes then, a duty obligatory upon all Christians, and cannot be dispensed with without incurring the displeasure of Heaven; and that Christian who is regardless of the entreaties for help from Pagan nations, is not only derelict in the discharge of duty, but fails to exemplify that ornament of the Christian, "Love to God and love to man," which should characterize every follower of the blessed Redeemer.

The cause of Foreign Missions has given a peculiar freshness and vigor to the piety of the churches within past years. So have recent revivals of religion. These two causes have moulded the hearts of God's people on the same principle; they have furnished new motives to Christian effort; they have brought home to the conscience the pressure of obligation, and the sentiment is now felt, that religion consists not in abstract opinions, or tender and romantic wishes for the renovation of the world, but in hearty and conscientious effort to send the Gospel around the globe, and to make it tell, through eternal ages, upon the destinies of imperishable souls. The labors of the past tend to encourage us, and at the present time the prospect is truly inviting. A call is made by the Board of Foreign Missions for more laborers to supply the increasing demands from heathen lands, particularly are they now needed in China to meet the unprecedented success of those principles that have been inculcated during the past few years. In order that the Board may act promptly and efficiently, it is necessary that the Churches contribute liberally to the support of Brethren who are willing to forsake the comforts and happiness of home, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in distant lands to the benighted heathen. It is our duty to sow the seed; to cultivate the soil, the efficiency is left to God. Let us by our contributions and prayers, lend a helping hand for training deathless souls for Heaven. When this is the case, we shall have discharged our duty, and not till then. We may then expect to see the Pagan giving up his idols, the Mussulman forsaking his sensuality, the Jew renouncing his bigotry, and the Romanist relinquishing that scheme, which is a subtle compound of all these abominations.

The following is a brief notice of the operations of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, viz.:

In China, we have at last reports, thirteen Missionaries, Male and Female, beside several Native Assistants. It is not stated how many Churches or Members, are found in this country. There are six schools in

different parts of the city of Shanghai with about eighty scholars. In Africa, our Board hastwelve colored Brethren engaged in different parts of Liberia, at important points, some of whom employ a part of their time in teaching; at most of those stations there are flourishing Sabbath Schools. We have alse four Brethren and their wives, who are now on their way to Central Africa, where we anticipate great success to our efforts.

The Board is also making arrangements to plant the Gospel in Central America. Thus we find the field large and inviting, and may the God of Missions bless our feeble efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. HAMILTON.

REPORT ON THE INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED POPULATION.—APPENDIX D.

The subject of the instruction of the colored population is one which should claim our special attention and our prompt action. While we are sending off our hundreds and thousands of dollars to evangelize the people of China, Burmah, and Africa, all which have claims upon our Christian benevolence. And while we are liberally contributing of our means to supply the destitute portion of our own country, and our own Association, we have neglected that portion of our community; the position which they occupy, and the relation which they sustain to us, brings us under the strongest obligations to attend to their spiritual instruction. Can we consistently, with a sense of our own obligations to them, take of their hard earnings and send Missionaries to other people, and not appropriate a part at least to their benefit. They are ignorant and superstitious, and may be said to be the heathens in our midst, and notwithstanding they are in this land of Bibles, yet they are not allowed to learn to read them. And the only way in which they can be instructed, is by the preaching of the Gospel.

Resolved, therefore, That we recommend to the Churches composing the Association, that we change our Missionary operations, and if we cannot sustain a Missionary to the whites and to the colored population of our Association, that we drop the one to the whites and sustain one to the colored population.

Resolved, That we recommend to our Brethren, that when the Missionary comes into our neighborhood, that our servants not only be allowed to go, but that we require them to go and hear the Gospel preached.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.—APPENDIX E.

Your Committee to whom was assigned the subject of Temperance, present the following Report:

That the cultivation of this virtue is highly essential to physical and mental health, to formation of morals, and a proper development and usefulness of christian character, is unquestionably true. All habits tending in their influence to effect these results are commendable, should be industriously cultivated, and judiciously moderated by Temperance.

But upon the other hand, all habits however small and seemingly harmless, exhibiting though the appearance of evil, tending in their nature and influence to effect opposite results upon the constitutions and character of man, are wrong, sinful and an entire abandonment of, and total obstinence from all such, would be Temperance, because Temperance is a virtue of such heavenly purity that it recognizes no participation in any such habits, and they belong to its opposite, Intemperance.

In a brief discussion of this subject I shall confine my remarks mainly to what is termed the temperate use of intoxicating liquors—its use as a beverage.

The Bible commands man, especially the christian professor, not only to abstain from all evil, but also from its appearance. Is there any evil or the appearance of it, in such a practice? I humbly conceive there is.—All admit that inebriation is a great evil; that in point of producing multiplicity of crimes, of every species and grade of character, it is unparallelled. Be it remembered, inebriation is not attained by a single step, but by progression. Man commences it first by moderate indulgence, which strengthens and increases the appetite for the intoxicating fluid, and in proportion to its gratification, in the same ratio it is increased, and by its continued gratification, he is led on, step after step, the habit strengthening at every advance, until he discovers himself in the strong embrace of drunkenness; and having in its progress paralyzed his moral sensibilities, subverted the principles of virtuous action, he is now prepared for the commission of crime at its instigation; its ruinous effects are not confined to him alone; his family once the pride of his heart, the centre of his affections, and source of his joys—abounding in plenty, is now neglected and abused, poverty stricken, morally degraded, and reaping in anguish of soul the bitterness of that harvest, the seeds of which were sown in his moderate drinking. The moderate use then of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is the parent of inebriation; this, properly speaking, is its legitimate offspring, and surely there must be some features of resemblance in relations so close; if there is only evil in the one, surely there must be some appearance of it in the other, for both are indulged in for precisely the same thing, the gratification of a sinful appetite; and if gratifying to a great extent constitutes a great sin, gratifying to a less extent must constitute a small one, for the Bible commands not a partial mortification of the lust of the flesh, but an entire one; if the one forfeits all claim to heaven, the other must incur the disapprobation of its Lord.

Who can calculate the amount of the corrupting influence of this practice in a professor of christianity! From the hallowed position assumed by him, his practices when found compatible with their sinful propensities are more likely to be imitated, and many doubtless from the force of his example are influenced to adopt this practice, appealing to his as security against all danger, until, when too late, they experience the fearful truth that the influence of the practice even of the professing christian worketh death. Can such professor indulge in a practice of such fearful and evil tendencies, without violating that sacred pledge made in the administration of the ordinances of the church to him, to abstain from all appearance of evil, and to maintain the purity of that character then assumed? Can the church, affirmed by her great Head to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth, indulge in it without partially obscuring that light, and corrupting her saving influence to some extent! And will not her Lord and Master hold her doubly accountable should she not fail to avail herself of all the appointed means to advance his cause committed to her hands, but create obstruction to its advancement by her action, that of partaking of intoxicating liquors as a beverage!

But the cause of temperance is progressing; temperance societies, meetings, and conventions are organized, and being organized, throughout our land, for the adoption of suitable measures to suppress this evil; its light is increasing, and the religious and moral world is being aroused from its long night of lethargy to action; the church is beginning to heed the admonition of the bible—touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing. The

mind of the moral world is being deeply stirred; already some of the States of our glorious Union, have adopted more effective measures than heretofore for the overthrow of this evil in their legislative capacities, and the banner of total abstinence is being unfurled to the breeze by legislative enactments.

Your committee concludes this report by presenting with it the following resolution:

Resolved, That the moralizing effects of temperance—paving the way, when properly cultivated, for the more rapid progress of christianity, exhibiting the christian character, in connection with other virtues, in all of its beauty, loveliness, and captivating influence—should stimulate the members composing this association, to appreciate it more highly, and cultivate it more extensively.

Respectfully submitted,

W. OVID MABRY.

REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.—APPENDIX F.

In offering a report on the subject of Indian Missions, we cannot flatter ourselves that we shall be able to suggest any new consideration as an incentive to benevolent action in this department of christian missions.

We recommend to the prayerful consideration and liberal support of our brethren, this department of christian missions; we do this from the example of our Saviour, who came to this world on a mission of mercy: and after he had finished his mission, and just before he left this world, he gave command to those who loved and followed him, that his mission to earth should be published to all the world, for a witness to all nations. One essential requirement of our holy religion is, to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us. With this requirement of our holy religion, how can we neglect sending to the benighted heathen the words of eternal life—the gospel of salvation?

There is no portion of the heathen, in our judgment, who have as many and as strong claims upon our sympathies and christian benevolence, as the red man of the forest; because we are living on the lands which formerly belonged to them, and that, in too many instances, without giving them a fair and valuable consideration; and in many instances, they have been forced to leave their homes and their hunting ground, to make room for the white man, without anything but the saying, "Go, you Indian dog!" And while we are walking over the graves of their fathers, and remember their benighted condition, and that they will, with us, have to stand at the judgment bar of Almighty God, can we withhold from them the lamp of life? Would we that they should act thus towards us? If not, then we should not act so towards them.

Again, what is done for their spiritual benefit, must be done soon; for many of their tribes are nearly extinct, and some are entirely so. And will we suffer them to die out, living upon our frontiers, and not incite ourselves, as christians and philanthropists, to civilize and christianize them? Surely not. The great instrumentality to accomplish this end is the circulation of the holy scriptures and the preaching of the gospel.

Again, we should feel encouraged in this good work, for the reason that the money and labor bestowed on this department of christian missions, have accomplished more good than the same amount bestowed upon any other class of heathen.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—APPENDIX G.

Your treasurer begs leave to report the receipt of the following sums for the purposes specified; viz.:

From Financial Committee, for Associational purposes,	$50 30
Amount for publishing sermon,	25 00
Public collection on sabbath,	23 00
Amount contributed privately for Indian Missions,	1 10
From County Line church, for Indian Missions,	16 37
From Chulahoma church, for African Missions,	3 00
From " " for Home Missions,	2 10
From former Treasurer, for African Missions,	9 15
From " " for Home Missions,	7 15
Amounting in the aggregate to	$137 17

Disbursements for printing Minutes and Sermon appended,	$60 00
Clerk's fee,	10 00
Paid to order of Association to Elder George Tucker, delegate to State Convention,	33 15
Paid to Elder A. S. Wynne, agent for Indian Missions,	28 72
Total,	$131 87

Whole amount received,	$137 17
Whole amount disbursed,	131 87
Amount in Treasury,	$ 5 30

Respectfully submitted,

W. OVID MABRY.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—APPENDIX H.

Your Committee appointed to write upon Ministerial Education, report as follows:

From the very limited time assigned us, it will not be expected that we shall enter upon the discharge of this duty, for the purpose of giving you an extended and elaborate Report. The subject is one of great magnitude, and necessarily is deserving the special regard of our Churches. That the Ministry exercises an untold influence upon the various communities, will not be denied. It is likewise universally admitted that piety, a clear head, and a sanctified heart are indispensable qualifications to the successful preaching of the gospel. In addition to these indispensables, it is the duty of every minister to improve talents committed to his trust to the very best of his ability, in order that he may be approved of Heaven as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. A sanctified, educated ministry is, and ever will be, a blessing to the church and the world; while an unsanctified, educated ministry is one of the greatest curses that the Almighty can inflict upon this world, wielding an influence injurious in its progress and detrimental in its character. In view of the propagation of the truth, and the repelling of error, it is necessary that the Ministers of the Cross be thoroughly equipped, and whilst they chiefly look for aid and assistance from the Great Head of the Church, yet it becomes our duty to employ the means placed within our reach, to acquire the principles of science and literature, that thereby we may be the better prepared to defeat the evils and machinations of the evil one, in all the various forms

esented. Let us raise high our standard; let us never be satisfied until r ministry shall be as favorably known, for their attainments in science d literature, as they are now known for their piety, zeal, and untiring votion as a denomination to the cause of their Blessed Redeemer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH RICHARD HAMILTON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.—APPENDIX I.

OUR Executive Board beg leave to report, that immediately after the djournment of your last session, we met and organized, and adjourned meet with the Mt. Zion church, on Saturday before the second sabth in December, 1852.

At the time and place appointed, we again met and appointed Brother tephen Williams to confer with Brother Ira Townsend, and to engage his rvices, if possible, at a salary of $250. Brother Williams, according to structions, engaged the services of Brother Townsend, who has been in e employment of your board since the 1st of February last.

We have received a written report from Brother Townsend, giving a tailed account of his labors, which we herewith submit, with the request at it be published in your minutes.—[See Appendix J.] We have also id him the sum agreed upon, viz. $250; and also we have $12 in the nds of our Treasurer.

In conclusion, permit us to recommend a continuance of our former ode of operations in supplying the destitution within your bounds, with e preaching of the word, believing that the great Head of the church s abundantly blessed our efforts in that channel in time past. We ay that the blessings of God may attend you in your efforts to extend e Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. SMITH, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX J.

o the Executive Board of the Cold Water Association:

DEAR BRETHREN,—I accepted the appointment to serve you as travelling issionary, with unaffected distrust of my physical abilities, and moral and tellectual qualifications, to render profitable or even acceptable service. ut believing this department of labor to be of vital importance to the ppiness of many, and looking upon the field as an inviting one, and owing that such men as you would have selected were not at your comand, I resolved, trusting in the Lord for strengthening grace, and preming upon the indulgence and co-operation of my brethren generally, do the best I could.

Accordingly, at the appointed time, (February 1st), I entered the field; t the almost incessant rain for two months, very much interrupted my bors. I found much greater destitution prevailing within your bounds an I had anticipated—several weak churches dwindling for the want ministerial aid; and from many important points was heard the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Dividing my time as equally as I ell could, north and south of Cold Water, I found at my appointments, enerally, during the months of April, May, and June, much larger and ore attentive congregations than I expected. In July I attended some ree or four three-days meetings, but had to call in most of my appointents to give the opportunity of laboring in protracted meetings, and I ve been engaged in one protracted meeting after another, almost without intermission ever since. Most of these protracted meetings exper-

ienced great refreshing showers of heavenly grace; and the places wh they were held were caused to bud, blossom, and bring forth as the gar of the Lord.

At those meetings, some seventy or eighty persons professed to find Lord precious to their souls, in the pardon of their sins, and the implan tion of the hope of eternal life by the Holy Spirit; and fifty-three f lowed the footsteps of the Saviour, in the heaven-instituted ordinance baptism, and arose therefrom to walk in newness of life, and went on th way rejoicing. It was my lot to leave several of these meetings a day or tw before their close, in order to commence other meetings ahead, and co sequently have witnessed the baptism of but few.

I have exceedingly regretted that I could not have had a colleague, th I might have kept myself, during the season for protracted meetings, destitute places, away from *all* the churches. Not because it would have given me much pleasure to have met with all the churches and inte changed with them kindly feelings of brotherly love; but because of doing, I should not have been filling the appointment assigned me, *supplying the destitute.* The Saviour sent out his disciples two and and I would recommend the same course.

I find upon examining my Diary, that I have travelled about 1950 miles preached 95 times; delivered 22 addresses and exhortations; attended prayer-meetings; baptised 1; assisted in administering the Lord's su per, once; assisted in constituting 1 church; visited many families, co

I labored at the outset under many disadvantages, from the want of better acquaintance with the country embraced within your bounds; a my health, a part of the time, did not admit me to preach as often as I d sired. And while I must ever feel to regret the inefficiency of my effor I feel that I have done what I could under the circumstances, and if I ha contributed anything towards keeping alive or increasing the missiona spirit, I shall not have labored in vain.

In conclusion, dear brethren, let me say that the harvest within yo bounds is truly great, and the laborers are few; and taking encourag ment from the past success of missionary efforts, let us go forward in th glorious work with increased energy, until our wilderness and solita places shall be glad for them, and the solitary places (destitute places) sh rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel,

IRA TOWNSEND.

APPENDIX K.

MARSHALL COUNTY, MISS. October 18, 1853.

The COLD WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATON, *to the various affiliated bodi with whom she corresponds, sendeth greeting:*

BELOVED BRETHREN,—We are happy to inform you that we have had harmonious and pleasant session; during the same we received the acce sion of four churches. We are not able to report as great revivals as w have reported at some of our former sessions, yet we are pleased to s that we are generally in peace among ourselves. Our Association h been sustaining a missionary constantly in the field during the past ye whose report is encouraging. We also have a flourishing Female Insti tion, located at Chulahoma, under the care of our brother, Rev. J. Hamilton, now in an increased prosperous condition. We are also doi something for the various benevolent objects of the day.

Our next association will be held with Lebanon church, Panola coun Miss. on the Friday before the third Lord's day in October, 1854.

Total number of churches, 29; members about 1800.

JOSEPH R. HAMILTON.

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BAPTIST FEMALE SEMIN[illegible]

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MISS FANNIE JEWEL, - - - Piano and Guitar.

Preparatory Department.

JOSEPH R. HAMILTON & LADY, *Steward's Department.*

The annual examination will commence on Wednesday, the 21st day of [illegible] including three days. On Friday an Address on Female Education will be [illegible] cred by ——— ———. The address to the Graduating Class by the President.

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The Trustees are requested to attend the monthly examinations, which [illegible] on the last Friday of each month, immediately after which the Board is [illegible] for the transaction of business.

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